



Leave It On Or Turn It Off?

If you're wondering when to turn your computer off for energy savings, here are some general guidelines from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Personal computers use about the same amount of energy to start up as they use when they are on for about two seconds. If you aren't going to use your PC for more than 20 minutes, turn off the monitor. And if you aren't going to use your PC for more than two hours, turn off both the CPU and monitor.

Many PCs today come with a power-down, or "sleep mode." ENERGY STAR® qualified computers power down to a sleep mode that uses about 70% less power than without power management features. But you must set it up through your system software.

Screen savers are not energy savers, and the power-down feature may not work if you have a screen saver activated.

Having Difficulty Paying Your Energy Bill?

If you have fallen behind in your natural gas and/or electric bill payments, please contact AmerenIP to see how we can help. For payment arrangements, call 1-800-750-7026. For agency assistance, call 1-800-252-8643.

Automated Meter Reading Coming To Many AmerenIP Customers

Ameren Corporation and Cellnet Technology, Inc. are expanding Ameren's automated meter reading (AMR) system to an additional 1.1 million electric and natural gas meters in Illinois. When completed in 2009, about half of all Ameren's utility company Illinois customers will have meters capable of being read remotely using a radio signal.

"Ameren's expansion of AMR will enhance our operations and lead to higher levels of customer satisfaction," says Scott Cisel, Ameren president of Illinois Energy Delivery. "Striving for the most effective way to complete the greatest amount of work in the least amount of time, we are deploying the system to our customers in the highest density areas first."

Once installed, benefits of the new automated meters include:

- Virtually eliminating estimated bills;
- Causing less intrusion on customers' property;
- Helping Ameren identify a trouble area for better outage response;
- Equipping customer service representatives with more information to assist customers with billing questions; and
- Enabling special meter readings on a specific day 365 days a year.

"The Cellnet network has helped Ameren improve customer service and lower operating costs in other parts of our service area," Cisel says. "We are pleased to bring these benefits to a larger segment of Illinois customers. The new system will ultimately lead to cost

savings for Ameren and bring long-term benefits to our customers, as well."

"We look forward to helping Ameren meet its aggressive customer service and operational goals," says Mike Zito, Cellnet president and CEO. "We are committed to expanding the functionality and

capabilities of the Cellnet system, while continuing to deliver the flexibility, value and service that our customers have relied on for more than a decade."

The additional installations will bring the total number of automated meters on the Ameren system to 2.4 million, making Ameren one of the leading U.S. utilities using automated metering services.





Help Your Trees Handle Stormy Weather

Tree limbs that blow into power lines or entire trees that fall over — taking power lines down with them — are among the top causes of electric power outages. To help reduce the problem, AmerenIP has an extensive tree-trimming and vegetation management program along power line routes. But you can help, too.

Spring is a great time to inspect trees on your property for signs of damage or decay that could cause trouble for nearby power lines in the event of a storm.

Your trees will stay healthier if dead, weakened or partially attached branches are pruned each year. But don't try to trim trees near power lines yourself! If there's any question, call AmerenIP for an inspection of your tree and line situation.

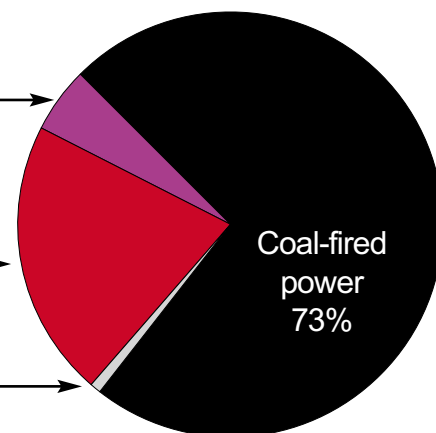
For tips on vegetation management, including how to select the "right tree for the right location," visit the Ameren Web site, www.ameren.com, and click on "Environment."

Sources of electricity supplied for the 12 months ending December 31, 2005

Unknown resources purchased from other companies 5%

Nuclear power 21%

Natural gas-fired power 1%



Sources of electricity supplied for the 12 months ending December 31, 2005	Percentage of total
Biomass power	0%
Coal-fired power	73%
Hydro power	0%
Natural gas-fired power	1%
Nuclear power	21%
Oil-fired power	0%
Solar power	0%
Wind power	0%
Other resources	0%
Unknown resources purchased from other companies	5%
TOTAL	100%

AVERAGE AMOUNTS OF EMISSIONS and AMOUNT OF NUCLEAR WASTE per 1000 kilowatt-hours (kWhs) PRODUCED from KNOWN¹ sources for the 12 months ending December 31, 2005

Carbon Dioxide	1,493 lbs
Nitrogen Oxides	73 lbs
Sulfur Dioxide	3.64 lbs
High-Level Nuclear Waste	<0.0001 lbs
Low-Level Nuclear Waste	0.0001 ft ³

Footnote

¹ 5% of the total electricity supplied was purchased from other suppliers and the amounts of emissions and amount of nuclear waste attributable to producing this electricity is not known and is not included in this table.

Additional information on companies selling electrical power in Illinois may be found at the Illinois Commerce Commission's Web site (www.icc.state.il.us).

AmerenIP Customer Service Numbers

Billing/general inquiries:
1.800.755.5000

Payment arrangements:
1.800.750.7026

Suspected gas leak:
1.800.755.6000

Power out/wires down:
1.800.755.7000

TDD for hearing-impaired:
1.800.526.0857

Underground locating (JULIE):
1.800.892.0123

Speed Pay information:
1.800.659.4366